

# STEEL STRIKERS MADE SOME GAINS ON SECOND DAY OF GREAT BATTLE

The Steel Industry Has Been Gravely Crippled in Pittsburgh, Chicago and Youngstown—Two Big Plants at Pittsburgh Were Shut Down To-day After Operating Monday.

## CONFLICTING CLAIMS BY CONTESTANTS

Nearly All the Chicago District Was Shut Down or Was Seriously Crippled—Possibility of Spread of Movement Was More Imminent To-day.

The second day of the great struggle between the labor unions and the United States Steel corporation opened with the question as to the extent to which the industry has been affected by the strike still uncertain, confused as it is by the conflicting claims of the leaders on either side. That the industry has been gravely crippled in the great centers of Pittsburgh, Chicago and Youngstown was certain and early reports to-day recorded several gains for the strikers.

In the Pittsburgh district several of the Carnegie Steel company's plants were closed and the Braddock and Rankin plants of the American Steel & Wire Co., both of which attempted to continue operations yesterday, shut down to-day. These two concerns employ approximately 10,000 men.

In the Chicago district similar conditions prevailed. Nearly all the plants in that region, including Gary and Hammond, either were closed to-day or operating at greatly reduced capacity. The strike leaders claimed that 75 per cent of the 90,000 workers were out and that in Gary the percentage was 95. Steel company officials refused to concede a higher percentage than 20.

In the Mahoning Valley district, of which Youngstown is the heart, all reports agreed that the strikers had achieved their most marked success. The strike leaders claimed that 35,000 men had quit work and their claims were supported by the fact that many large plants were closed, three in particular which employ alone 16,500 men. Plants which still were operating admittedly had greatly reduced forces.

The possibility of the spread of the strike to as yet unaffected plants was more threatening to-day. At the Bethlehem works of the Bethlehem Steel corporation, where 35,000 men are employed, the union leaders announced that no reply had been received as to their request for a conference with the company officials and that preparations were being completed for calling out the workers.

At Cincinnati the executive board of the International Iron Molders' union is in session and will decide what action will be taken by that body. At Buffalo, switchmen on the South Buffalo railway quit work when ordered to move cars into the Lackawanna steel plant.

Rioting which broke out at the close of the first day of the strike, was resumed at different points this morning. The known casualties so far are one man dead, three others so badly wounded that they may die and score more or less seriously wounded. The fatalities occurred in the Pittsburgh district. Every mill in Farrell, Pa., was closed this morning but this did not prevent a renewal of violence in which 11 persons were wounded.

Simultaneously with the outbreak of rioting at Farrell, a pitched battle between mill guards and strikers took place at Newcastle, Pa., in which 11 persons are known to have been wounded, two of them women. Three of the injured men may die.

The situation throughout the Pittsburgh district to-day was regarded as so menacing that reinforcements of state troopers were sent there.

At Buffalo, where the great independent plant of the Lackawanna Steel company has been forced to suspend operations, according to police reports, rioting occurred last night and was resumed this morning. The disorder here, however, apparently was not so serious as in Pennsylvania. The Donner Steel company, a sister plant of the Lackawanna, announced that operations would cease to-morrow.

Incipient rioting also was reported from Youngstown.

## THREE MEN ARRESTED IN GREAT ROBBERY

They Are Alleged to Have Stolen \$415,000, Being Shipped from Chicago to Whiting, Ind.

Chicago, Sept. 23.—Three men, one of them John Weja, a clerk in the Chicago postoffice, were arrested to-day charged with stealing \$240,000 of a shipment of \$415,000 from the federal reserve bank here to the Standard Oil company of Indiana at Whiting Ind. Of the stolen funds \$93,320 was recovered. The remainder, according to an alleged confession of two of the men, was abandoned at the outskirts of Chicago, when the automobile in which they were returning from Whiting, broke down.

Chicago detectives unearthed the postal robbery when two of the men, Leo and Walter Phillips, brothers, 25 and 29 years old, respectively, were arrested in connection with the robbery of a saloon, in which \$500 was obtained. Detectives found \$200,000 in the elder Phillips' pocket.

## AMERICAN CASUALTIES IN WAR WERE 322,182

Washington, D. C., Sept. 23.—The cost of the war to the United States in man power now is estimated officially as 116,492 dead and 205,690 wounded, a total of 322,182. These figures include losses to army and marine units on all fronts to Sept. 1. Killed in action totaled 35,585, or 11 per cent of the entire list; died of wounds, 14,742; died of disease, 58,083; died of accidents and other causes 8,902. Under the head of "missing," the announcement records a zero with the notation, "All corrected."

## LABOR CONFERENCE WILL BE POSTPONED

Unless the Peace Treaty Is Ratified by the United States by Oct. 29.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 23.—As less than half a dozen nations have ratified the peace treaty, officials of the department of labor are of the opinion that the first international labor conference provided for in the treaty and called by President Wilson to meet here Oct. 29, will be postponed. These officials said to-day that if the United States did not ratify the treaty by that date it was a foregone conclusion that the conference would be held at a later date.

Eighteen nations are preparing to send delegates to the conference. They are Great Britain, France, Italy, Japan, Belgium, Switzerland, Persia, China, Honduras, Guatemala, Bolivia, Denmark, Yugoslavia, Nicaragua, Portugal, Canada and Sweden.

Only those nations which have become members of the league of nations are eligible to vote in the conference, but according to an official report, the allied countries of fire has consented to the attendance of German and Austrian delegates. Whether or not they will be allowed to vote, or will merely attend as spectators, will be decided by the conference itself. The international labor union convention held at Amsterdam recently pledged its members not to participate in the conference unless the Germans and Austrians were admitted.

The conference will have to decide also the census of such people as the Finns, who asked permission to be represented. A member nation is entitled to four delegates, two of whom will represent the crediting government, one for labor and one for capital.

The treaty of peace provides that the subjects to be considered at the first meeting shall include the application of the principle of the eight-hour day or 48-hour week, preventing or providing against unemployment; employment of women and children; and the extension of the international convention adopted at Berne in 1906.

## OVER 1,300 GERMANS ARE SENT HOME

Interned Sailors Left Detention Camp at Atlanta Under Escort of 200 American Soldiers.

Atlanta, Sept. 23.—More than 1,300 interned German sailors have left the detention camp at Fort McPherson for Hoboken, N. J., on the first leg of their journey.

Guarded by 200 American soldiers, the Germans went on a special train, which included nine cars of baggage—mostly souvenirs of their enforced stay in America. Nearly 150 made application for naturalization, but only 73 applications will be granted, and these conditionally. The 73 were left behind while the others departed singing "Homeward Bound" in German.

More than 50 American dogs will accompany the home-going Germans, who also took more than \$6,000 worth of clothing bought from one American mail order house. They also took soap, potatoes, cigars, coffee, talking machines and other articles. Many have considerable money. They have accumulated pay during their internment and many made money selling articles of their handiwork.

## KING ALBERT SAILS FOR UNITED STATES

Steamer George Washington Left Her Anchorage Off Calais Monday Afternoon—American Soldiers Hailed the Belgian Monarch.

On board U. S. S. George Washington, Sept. 23 (By the Associated Press).—The liner George Washington with King Albert, Queen Elizabeth and Crown Prince Leopold of Belgium on board, left her anchorage, about four miles off Calais, late yesterday afternoon and began her voyage for America.

American soldiers on board joined heartily in welcoming cheers for King Albert, who had expressed the desire that no soldier should be prevented from going home on his account, saying, "I am a soldier myself."

## WILSON JOINS LEGION

Became a Member of the Chapter at Glendive, Mont.

On board President Wilson's train, Sept. 23.—The badge of the American Legion has replaced on President Wilson's coat lapel the miniature American flag which formed so prominent a feature of the war-time pictures of the nation's chief executive.

It was left to the legion's chapter at Glendive, Mont., to bring the commander-in-chief of the American army and navy into the organization. It voted him a full membership when his train halted at Glendive for a few minutes. He accepted and secured a legion button which he has worn since on all occasions.

## DENY BREAK IN RELATIONS

Belgium and Holland Reported to Be Near an Understanding

## DUTCH DELEGATION IN PARIS ASSERTS

Von Swindeen, Head of Delegation, Gives a More Optimistic View

Paris, Sept. 23.—Members of the Dutch delegation in this city deny the report of a break in diplomatic relations between Belgium and Holland. Jonkheer Reneke Van Swindeen, head of the The Netherlands representatives here, said to-day: "Quite on the contrary, I have felt we were nearing an understanding on the question under discussion."

## RUSSIAN SOVIETS FEAR REVOLUTION

They Are Said to Be Anxious to Make Peace with All Nations in Order to Forestall a Counter Movement.

London, Sept. 23 (via Montreal).—Russia is another nation to which the Russian soviet government has made a peace offer, according to advices reaching here. Furthermore, it is declared that the delegation which was sent to propose peace to the Ukrainians announced that the Moscow government has decided to seek peace with all nations in order to forestall a counter revolution in Russia. The bolshevik emissaries suggested to the Ukrainians the negotiation of peace on the basis of recognition of the independence of the Ukraine if that nation would maintain neutrality in the soviet struggle against Admiral Kolchak and General Denekine.

## AGED WOMAN WAS BURNED TO DEATH

Mrs. Lottie A. Parkhill of Middlebury Was Trying to Replenish Fire When Her Clothing Caught on Fire.

Middlebury, Sept. 23.—Mrs. Lottie A. Parkhill, widow of Silas C. Parkhill, was burned to death yesterday at her home in Cornwall, when attempting to replenish a fire.

Mrs. Parkhill's daughter returned to the house after a 15 minutes' absence to find her mother sitting in a chair, her clothing ablaze and just gasping for breath. She had evidently attempted to put a piece of wood in the stove and the flames bursting forth had caught her clothing. Her daughter threw water upon her, but Mrs. Parkhill died just after a physician arrived.

Mrs. Parkhill was born in Keesville, N. Y., Dec. 30, 1837, the daughter of James and Adeline Manchester. She is survived by a son, Arthur Parkhill of Cornwall, and her daughter, Miss Addie Parkhill, with whom she lived. Mrs. Parkhill had lived in Cornwall for 60 years.

The funeral will be held at the Baptist church Thursday morning at 10:30, with burial in the Cornwall cemetery.

## MASTER MECHANIC BEATEN

And Two Arrests Were Made at Buffalo After Riot Call.

Buffalo, N. Y., Sept. 23.—Disturbances in the vicinity of the Lackawanna Steel company's plant were continued to-day. A master mechanic was severely beaten. A riot call brought out the police and two men were arrested.

Switchmen on the South Buffalo railway to-day quit work when ordered to move cars into the Lackawanna Steel company's yards.

## NEGROES ENDORSE LYNCHING.

Declare That Whites Did Right in Killing Obie Cox.

Athens, Ga., Sept. 23.—Negroes at a mass meeting near Lexington, Ga., have endorsed the action of whites in lynching Obie Cox, negro, accused of attacking and murdering the wife of a white farmer.

Resolutions adopted at the meeting condemned in strong language the crime which aroused 1,000 men which sent them on a 24-hour search of swamps, concluding with the shooting to death of the negro and burning of the body. At the time of the crime the negro was under indictment for a similar attack on a negro. He confessed to both crimes.

## ASK FOR SPECIAL SESSION.

Of Connecticut Legislature to Act on Suffrage Amendment.

Hartford, Conn., Sept. 23.—Governor Marcus F. Holcomb to-day received a deputation of members of the general assembly who desire a special session to act upon the federal suffrage amendment. The governor made no comment during the hearings and reserved his decision. To a petition from the suffragists the governor previously had said he did not think a special session was necessary.

## Killed by Auto Truck.

Pawtucket, R. I., Sept. 23.—David Harley, aged 80, prominent in the laundry and dry goods business here, was struck by an auto truck as he was boarding an electric car to-day. He died soon afterwards.

## MASS. PRIMARY BEING HELD TO-DAY

Gov. Coolidge Is Unopposed in Republican Party and There Are Four Aspirants for Democratic Nomination.

Boston, Sept. 23.—Contests for the Democratic nomination for governor and for the Republican nominations for treasurer and attorney general were the features of the Massachusetts primaries to-day. General interest in the campaign having been somewhat below normal even for an "off year," a light vote was expected, notwithstanding the presence of more than 200,000 former service men, whose votes were not cast last year.

Energetic campaigns conducted by former Gov. Eugene N. Foss and Richard H. Long of Framingham, last year's nominees, were thought to insure a fairly good Democratic poll. Former Congressman Frederick S. Deitrick of Cambridge and former State Senator George F. Monahan, who waged an anti-prohibition campaign, were also aspirants for the head of the Democratic ticket.

Governor Coolidge was unopposed for the Republican renomination. Because of this it was announced that his ballots would not be tabulated to-night, but considerable interest was manifested as to what effect his attitude toward the Boston police strike would have on his vote through the state.

Six candidates sought the Republican nomination for state treasurer and attorney general. For the former office the aspirants were Fred J. Burrell of Medford, Charles L. Clifford of Barnstable, Frederick N. Kerr of Winchester, Frank S. Perkins of Salem, Fred P. Greenwood of Everett, and Frederick E. Pierce of Greenfield. Mr. Perkins served as a lieutenant colonel with the 20th division. J. Weston Allen of Newton, Robert J. Bottomly of Boston, James Mott Hallowell of Newton, William A. Hidecock of Dedham, Clarence W. Rowley and David Stoneman of Boston were candidates for the nomination of attorney general.

Contests were brisk in Suffolk and Essex counties and in the western part of the state for district attorney nominations and in the third, fourth and sixth congressional districts. Indications point for a large representation of voters at the polls in these districts. Senatorial and representative districts had the usual number of candidates, but the issues were not expected to develop more than the usual off-year interest.

## ORGANIZING CAMPAIGN TO FIGHT THE "FLU"

Vermont State Board of Health Is to Enlist the Services of 100 Physicians in Case of Necessity.

Burlington, Sept. 23.—A force of 100 physicians is being organized in Vermont by the state board of health for the purpose of fighting the influenza in case it appears again this fall. The physicians are volunteers who have responded to the call of the secretary of the board and they will work under pay of the United States public health service, which also defrays all expenses. It may be said to the credit of the medical profession of Vermont, according to the secretary, that in practically every case where a doctor has been called on to enlist, the physician has offered to do so freely, with a prospect of losing a lucrative practice while in the service.

The force will be used wherever there is an epidemic, if there is one, and in this way it is expected there will be medical attention for all with no such shortage as existed during the epidemic of last year.

## ACCIDENTS CAUSE SUSPENSION

Three Drivers of Motor Vehicles Are Deprived of Licenses.

Secretary of State Harry A. Black this morning suspended three operators' licenses, two of which were of those operating automobiles while the third was of a motorcycle. The three were John H. O'Grady of Roxbury, who was driving the motorcycle with which the automobile of M. L. Lewis collided near L. N. Jerue's house on the road between Montpelier and Barre. Mr. Black stated this morning that he was not ready to say whether Mr. Lewis would lose his license. The matter is under investigation.

The automobile operators' licenses suspended included Ray Hurlbut of Waterbury for driving an unregistered car and with number plates belonging to another person; Mrs. Logan S. Warner of Ludlow for reckless driving and causing an accident in which a pedestrian was seriously injured.

The report of a minor accident in which H. S. Farnham of Montpelier damaged the headlights of a car, number 17339, has been received at the secretary of state's office. It appears that Mr. Farnham left his car to go into a store in Montpelier and then in backing up to get away from a machine in front of his, he backed his car into the front end of a machine that had driven up while he was away from his automobile.

## EXPRESS WAS DERAILED AND FIREMAN KILLED

No Passengers on Pittsburgh-New York Train Were Injured in the Crash Near Confluence, Pa.

Connellsville, Pa., Sept. 23.—The Pittsburgh-New York night express on the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, leaving Pittsburgh at 12:20 a. m., was derailed early to-day near Confluence, Pa., and W. A. Glenn, Connellsville, fireman of one of the two locomotives drawing the train, was killed. No passengers were injured, railroad officials say. T. E. Miller, Connellsville, engineer, was badly scalded.

## MERCIER IN WASHINGTON.

To Attend Conference of Catholic Prelates from All Over Country.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 23.—Cardinal Mercier was in Washington to-day to attend the conference of Catholic prelates from all over the country called by Cardinal Gibbons. This morning he took part in the dedication of a new seminary. In the afternoon he attended a luncheon at the Belgian legation, where he planned to spend the night.

To-morrow he is expected to deliver an address at the conference of prelates at the Catholic university, which is the largest gathering of his kind since that held in Baltimore in 1894, of which Cardinal Gibbons is the lone survivor.

## "INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION"

Threatened by Provisions of the Cummins Railroad Reorganization Bill

## DECLARED PLUMB FOR RAILROAD UNIONS

Organized Labor Began Its Fight Before Senate Committee

Washington, D. C., Sept. 23.—Organized labor launched its fight against the anti-strike provisions of the Cummins railroad reorganization bill to-day before the Senate interstate commerce committee. Glenn E. Plumb, general counsel for the railroad brotherhoods and author of the plan for tripartite control of the railroads, said the provisions were a guarantee of "industrial revolution."

"These provisions destroy the right of collective bargaining," he said. "They are directed solely against the wage earners. The right to strike is inherent and has been recognized by innumerable decisions."

"Strikes are symptoms of social disorder, not causes. You propose to treat the symptoms, and let the social fever rage."

"There is a change coming in the nature of strikes which this committee does not recognize. Formerly strikes have been carried on by the wage earners. The right to strike is inherent and has been recognized by innumerable decisions."

"Isn't true that strikes ordinarily stop production and so cause higher prices?" asked Senator Townsend, Republican, Michigan.

"Temporarily, strikes diminish production," Plumb said, "but they can force a decrease in prices which will more than make up for it."

"There has never been a strike with that object," Senator Townsend returned, "and we have to legislate in the light of experience."

"There have been none with this purpose as yet," Plumb said, "but there is no reason for Congress to put up a bar against the progress of the future."

Answering a question by Senator Pomerehne, Democrat, Ohio, Plumb conceded that a two weeks' stoppage of transportation would mean disaster and starvation for the people of all the cities.

"But the way to prevent that," he declared, "is not to let the owners of capital keep utilities of public service from being used for public service."

## REV. N. M. SHAW DIED HOLDING PEN IN HAND

Montpelier Man Had Just Written Letter Accepting Call to Church in Woodbury.

Rev. Newton M. Shaw of Montpelier died yesterday afternoon while holding the pen with which he had just written a letter to Rev. E. W. Sharp of St. Johnsbury, accepting a call as pastor of the Methodist church in Woodbury, where he had preached Sunday. Mr. Shaw had apparently been enjoying his usual health yesterday. On Friday he had a slight illness but seemed to have recovered from it all right, so that he was able to preach on Sunday. He was found by his daughter just after he had signed the letter to District Superintendent Sharp of the Vermont Methodist conference.

Rev. Mr. Shaw was a native of North Hero, a son of Mr. and Mrs. John Shaw. He was twice married. His first wife died about a year ago, and last June he was married by Rev. Charles N. St. John of Montpelier to Mrs. Mary Burroughs, who, together with the daughter, May Shaw, survives him. He had lived in the vicinity of Montpelier for many years and owned real estate on Berlin street in Montpelier. Some years ago he preached in the People's church in Montpelier and he had also preached in Peacham, Stratford, Bolton and Greensboro.

## AGED MAN DROPPED DEAD

Center L. Bates of Barre Died Yesterday Afternoon at His Home.

Center L. Bates, aged 88 years, died suddenly yesterday afternoon at his home on Prospect street. Mr. Bates had just passed his 88th birthday, which was on Sept. 18, and was enjoying good health. He had worked all day around the buildings, drawing wood. Mrs. Bates went out to the barn where he was working. They discussed the next day's work and then Mrs. Bates returned to the house and had just got into the house when she heard Mr. Bates cry out. She went immediately back to the barn and found Mr. Bates' dead body. The cause of his death is attributed to heart failure.

Mr. Bates was the only son of Asa and Phoebe (Ainsworth) Bates of Barre. His first marriage, March 12, 1855, was to Adeline Moore of Plainfield, who died 37 years ago, and he had two children by her, but both died in infancy. His second marriage was to Martha Fuller Peck of Barre, who survives him. They were married June 8, 1892, by the late Rev. J. Edward Wright of Montpelier.

Mr. Bates had always been an ambitious and industrious farmer and had lived nearly all his life in Barre. He had lived a few years in Marshfield and Plainfield, being a successful farmer in all the places where he had lived. He was very much interested in Masonry and was a member of Granite lodge, No. 35, F. and A. M., Granite chapter, No. 26, and a charter member of St. Aldemar commandery, No. 11. He attended the Universalist church. He leaves, besides his wife, two sisters, Mrs. Arvilla Hutchison of East Barre and Mrs. Lestina Bolles of Hill street.

The funeral will be held to-morrow afternoon at 1:30 o'clock, with Rev. J. B. Reardon officiating. Interment will be at Elmwood cemetery.

## BARRE POST GROWING. REACHING THE TOP

But Great Efforts Are Necessary Between Now and Wednesday Night to Bring the Post Up to the Quota.

Unless a sudden and unexpected wave of disinterested develops to check the ever-growing enthusiasm for the American Legion, the quota of Barre post will have been reached to-morrow night when the ex-service men who have enrolled as members to elect delegates for the state convention to be held in Burlington next month.

This is a prophecy, not a boast, yet the campaigners who are directing the drive in the city wards and in Barre Town are not overconfident, for they realize that ex-service men who have not enrolled thus far must meet them more than halfway if the prediction is fulfilled. Yesterday's efforts, capped as they were by an intensive canvass in the late afternoon, were the most encouraging of the campaign. Nevertheless, only a day intervenes before the close of the campaign and nothing short of vigorous canvassing, coupled with a receptive attitude on the part of the men who have not yet enrolled, can put Barre post where it belongs.

Three of the seven districts into which the territory has been divided are now over the top. Barre Town broke into the limelight yesterday by passing the goal and stopping temporarily at 111 per cent. The campaign is still on in the town. Ward 1, first over the top, increased its percentage to 106, while the old second ward won fresh laurels by jumping to 132 per cent. Altogether encouraging was the splendid showing made by these districts, and scarcely less heartening were the signs of quickened activity in the remaining four wards. It is evident to everyone that if the goal is to be won by Barre post the last day's returns from wards 3, 4, 5 and 6 must turn the trick. In each of those wards there were very commendable gains yesterday, but they must be even more pronounced to-day. Ward 3 tops the comers with 75 per cent; ward 4 has 54 per cent, and ward 5, 57 per cent, with ward 6 at 68 per cent.

Barre record in the war drives, in enlistments and in other patriotic responses during the war was an example for many of its neighboring towns and cities in Vermont. Barre must maintain its high standing in the American Legion convention next month, when the representation of each post will be determined by the enrollment reported to-morrow night. Here in Barre the local post meets in the Knights of Pythias hall Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Delegates will be elected and refreshments are to be served. Every legion member owes it to himself to be present. But what is more important, every ex-service man should enroll before to-morrow night in order that this membership may swell the delegation Barre post is to send to Burlington.

## GREENSLIT MURDER CASE NOT DOCKETED

In Previous Trial of Warren Man for Alleged Murder of Heath the Jury Disagreed—Long Murder Case Set for Oct. 7.

Washington county court convened this morning after the week-end recess. It is expected now that the state cases will be commenced with the trial of George A. Long, charged with murdering Mrs. Lucina C. Broadwell last May. This case is set for Oct. 7, and those who are to act in the matter are preparing their case for trial. It is possible that some minor state matters may be disposed of in county court before the major cases are commenced.

A review of the state docket fails to show the case of State vs. George Greenslit on the docket, which indicates that the state has dropped the case by not pressing the same. One year ago Greenslit was tried on the charge of murdering a man named Heath in Warren and the jury disagreed and now the case has been removed from the docket.

The further presentation of evidence in the case of L. H. Miller vs. Allen Belleville to recover damages for alleged failure to have a mortgage recorded was again taken up this morning. There is quite a good deal more evidence to be presented, it is understood.

A defendant in the case took the stand this morning in his defense of the claim that he did not get a mortgage recorded and by his testimony endeavored to show that if the mortgage was not recorded it was the fault of the plaintiff.

## BOSTON POLICE RANKS BEING FILLED UP

Nearly 500 Applicants Were Before the Board Yesterday and Many More Appeared To-day.

Boston, Sept. 23.—Examination of applicants for the positions of the Boston police force which have been declared vacant because of the strike of patrolmen two weeks ago, continued to-day. Nearly 500 service men appeared before the examining board yesterday and those who came up to requirements were sent to the civil service commission for a non-competitive examination. To-day nearly fifty applicants were on hand when the board resumed and many others arrived during the forenoon.

Rumors of a split in the ranks of the strikers persisted to-day, but they were emphatically denied by union leaders.

## FRANK W. HOLMES.

Johnson Man Died While on Visit—He Was 56 Years Old.

Frank W. Holmes of Johnson died at the home of Mrs. G. A. Warren on Worcester branch Monday afternoon following a long illness which developed from a shock followed by complications. He came several weeks ago and did not recover enough to be taken to his home. He was 56 years of age. He married Minnie J. Warren, a sister of the late J. C. Warren of Montpelier, 28 years ago. No children were born to them and only his wife survives the deceased.

In recent years Mr. Holmes had been janitor of the school buildings and the library in Johnson. He was a member of the Masons in that town, clerk of the Baptist church, and had taken part in other town activities. The body will be taken to Johnson, where the funeral occurs at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon.

## EQUAL VOTING CLAUSE PUT OFF

Johnson Amendment to the Peace Treaty Put Over by Republicans

## FORMAL READING WILL CONTINUE

Sen. Johnson Returns from West, but Keeps in Re-ament

Washington, D. C., Sept. 23.—Republican Senate leaders decided to-day to defer for several days consideration of the amendment to the peace treaty by Senator Johnson, a Republican, California, proposing equal voting strength in the league of nations between the United States and Great Britain. Formal reading of the treaty will be continued for a time.

Senator Johnson, who has been speaking in the middle west along the league plan, returned here to-day but, it was said, he would rest at home until to-morrow. By telephone he conferred with Republican leaders and the plan to postpone his amendment temporarily was agreed to.

The question of dealing with Senate demonstrations during the debate on the treaty also was discussed at conference to-day. Senator Lodge said it was not planned to abrogate the Senate rule against applause, but to insist that demonstrations be limited strictly to the conclusion of addresses.

## THEIR GOLDEN WEDDING DAY

Mr. and Mrs. P. O. Wheaton Entertained Many Friends and Relatives.

At their home, where 50 years ago they were married, Mr. and Mrs. P. O. Wheaton of Cobble hill celebrated their golden wedding anniversary Saturday. Friends and relatives, many from surrounding towns and others from distant points, dropped in sometime during the day to leave their congratulations to the elderly couple and present them some useful gifts, such as purses of money, china and other presents. The couple were also reminded of a host of friends through the mail, receiving many postcards and letters of congratulation.

Most enjoyable to Mr. and Mrs. Wheaton was the presence of so many of their relatives, for at noon 16 people were seated about the table to partake of the turkey dinner prepared by Mrs. Wheaton. Among this group were Dr. W. R. Barnes of Braintree, Mass., a brother of Mrs. Wheaton; a nephew, S. T. Ward, and wife, three cousins from Chelsea, Leonard Bacon, E. D. Barnes and Ernest Young; a great niece, Mrs. Ralph Booth of Waltham. A friend, Warren Parker of Lyme, N. H., was among the number visiting, many of whom were from East Barre and neighboring towns, who came either in automobile, team or afoot to call at the Wheaton home.

Mr. Wheaton, who is 77 years of age and declares himself to be in good health, was born at this farm on Cobble hill, which for the past 101 years has carried the Wheaton name, being owned by his grandfather, Piny Wheaton, his father, Orrin, and now himself. Mrs. Wheaton, who is 73 years of age, has resided at the farm since their marriage, and she too was enjoying the best of health and a good visit with her many friends on her wedding day. No less than 75 visitors called during the day.

## CAR SHORTAGE CRITICAL

None of the Promised Freighters Have Reached Barre.